

Purwell Primary School  
29<sup>th</sup> April 2014

**Thought for the week:** *"If we as parents cut corners, our children will too. If we lie, they will too. If we spend all our money on ourselves and we tithe no portion of it for charities our children won't either. And if parents snicker at racial and gender jokes, another generation will pass on the poison adults still have not had the courage to snuff out."* -Marian Wright Edelman.

**The Creative Learning Journey and Curriculum Information**

With this newsletter each family will receive a booklet with details of the curriculum for the summer term. These can soon be found on our web site.

**Recognition of outstanding sporting achievement.**

Year 6 pupil, Olivia, has been recognised by the North Herts School Sports Partnership for her 'outstanding achievement' in a recent Sports Hall athletics event which was held at Fearnhill School. Olivia has been invited to try out for the North Hertfordshire squad where she will have the chance to compete at county level. We wish her the best of luck at the trials.

**Super swimmers!**

Two Year 5 pupils, Lucy and Ella, have been invited to represent North Herts in the Primary Schools Swimming Team in the Schools County Gala on 16th May. Best of luck to both girls.

**Hitchin Netball Rally - Saturday 26th April**

The Netball Team played superbly at this year's netball rally held at Whitehill School on Saturday. There were 11 Hitchin schools competing and our team fought off tough competition, winning 4 of their first 5 games, which subsequently meant they went through to the play-offs to achieve 4th position. The girls did an excellent job of representing Purwell School, showing great team spirit and determination to achieve success. A huge well done to all the girls, and thanks to the parents who came along to support them.

**Sports Clubs**

This term, Multi-Sports club will be moving to a lunchtime slot on **Wednesdays, from 12.25 - 12.55**. A new club, starting next week, is the 'Outdoor Explorers' club for children in Years 1 and 2. Children in Holly and Willow Classes will receive letters this week which will give more details about the club and how to sign up.

**School Lunches**

Later this week, you should receive a statement for your child's lunches. Please check the end of the statement for the carried forward figure (in the box at the bottom of the statement, on the right). If the number has a minus sign in front of it, it is money which is owed, and this should be paid as soon as possible. Please be aware that meals should be paid for in advance. Cheques should be made payable to *Hertfordshire Catering Ltd*. If the balance shows a figure other than zero, this is money which is available for lunches for your child.

**Late Arrivals**

A reminder that any children arriving late for school should be brought to the office to sign in. It is important that their presence is registered in case of fire or any other emergency. Their lunch requirements can also be noted.

### **PSA News and Important Dates**

The next PSA planning meeting is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 8pm, at The Millstream. It is open to everyone, so please come along, share some ideas and have a good laugh.

The next big event on the calendar is the 'Fair in the Square', on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Cake donations will be warmly welcomed nearer the time. The week after, on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, the PSA will be running a stall at the **Walsworth Festival** for the first time. Soft toy donations are requested for that event. Please can all raffle ticket stubs and unused tickets be returned to school by Friday.

### **Weather Precautions**

It feels like one minute we have wind and rain and the next we are basking in sunshine - crazy! However, when the warm weather settles in it is a very good idea for pupils to bring in hats or caps to wear when playing outside. Alternatively, school caps are available to purchase from the Office for £3.00. School staff cannot administer sun cream to pupils but there are several long-lasting brands of sun cream that can be put on before coming to school. Water dispenser machines are available at both ends of the school to give pupils access to filtered, chilled water.

### **Class and Team photos - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Next Tuesday, the photographer will be coming in to take photos of our classes and sports teams. The photos will be available to purchase next month.

### **Antisocial Car Parking**

A resident of a house on Wilshere Crescent complained last week about parents who park up on the pavement and block footpaths and driveways. Please can those parents who drive to school be mindful of our neighbours and park sympathetically. We encourage parents to park along wider roads like Kingswood Avenue and Mountjoy and walk the children in from there, thus avoiding all the morning congestion problems.

### **Supermarket Vouchers**

A reminder that we are collecting both the Sainsbury and Tesco vouchers currently on offer. Please send all vouchers into school.

### **Picture of the Week**



*Medical helicopter lands in the school field over the Easter break.  
Thank you to all those who sent in photographs.*